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For: PROCESS FOR DETERMINATION OF THE ACTIVITY OF A SUBSTANCE  
USING AN *IN VITRO* FUNCTIONAL TEST**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION OF MARCH 5, 2002**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

The Office Communication mailed March 5, 2002 ("Office Communication") states that there were errors in the Sequence Listing submitted on December 21, 2001. In response, attached herewith, is a Submission of Sequence Listing in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.821.

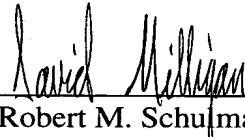
The Office Communication states that "[s]equences appear in the specification which are not accompanied by sequence identifiers." However, Applicants respectfully submit that the only sequence in the specification is recited on page 46, line 25. A sequence identifier to accompany this sequence was added by the Preliminary Amendment filed December 21, 2001, a courtesy copy of which is enclosed herewith.

To the extent necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to grant any extension of time deemed needed for entry of this document and to charge additional fees associated with this communication or such extension of time or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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